

## Meet The Preceptors

**Laura Miller, Pharm.D.**  
Chief of Pharmacy



Dr. Laura Beasley Miller is the Chief of Pharmacy Services at Carl Vinson VA Medical Center. She has served in this role since 2011. She began her VA Career as a Clinical Pharmacist in 1999. She served in a variety of clinical practice settings including Ambulatory Care, Community Living Center, and Home Based Primary Care. Dr. Miller is a graduate of the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy where she earned her Doctor of Pharmacy Degree in 1996. She has served as adjunct professor for Mercer University School of Pharmacy since 1997, and has also served as a preceptor for University of Georgia Doctor of Pharmacy students since 1997. She serves on various hospital-wide committees including Medical Executive Committee, Peer Review Committee, and Executive Leadership Team. She is a 2010 graduate of the VA NEHCLI (National Executive Health Care Leadership Initiative). Her professional memberships include American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists (ASHP), Georgia Society of Health Systems Pharmacists (GSHP), and Georgia Pharmaceutical Association (GPhA). She and her husband are very active in the community and are avid Georgia Bulldog fans. They enjoy spending their free time traveling and attending their kids' sporting events and extracurricular activities.

**Deborah Hobbs, Pharm.D.**  
PGY-1 Residency Program Director  
Associate Chief of Clinical Pharmacy Services

Deborah Hobbs, Pharm.D., is the Associate Chief of Pharmacy for Clinical Services and the PGY1 Residency Program Director. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Stetson University then earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Mercer University College of Pharmacy in 1986. She became a Clinical Pharmacist Specialist at the CVVAMC in 1990 and practiced in a variety of clinical settings such as the Community Living Center, Acute & Critical Care Units, and Outpatient Clinics. She serves a preceptor for the PGY1 Pharmacy and PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Administrative learning experiences and coordinates the advance practice pharmacy students rotations from Mercer, University of Georgia, South University, and Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. She is a member of American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists and Southeastern Residency Conference Chairperson 2021.





**Meredith Blalock, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCPP, BCGP, CDE,**  
Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program Specialist  
PGY-2 Psychiatry Residency Program Director

After completing the PGY-1 residency at Dublin VAMC, Dr. Blalock was hired as the clinical pharmacist for the Mental Health Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (MH-RRTP). She is currently preceptor for MH-RRTP and works with Veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, chronic homelessness and substance abuse issues. Dr. Blalock's interests include mental health and ambulatory care pharmacy. She believes a well-rounded pharmacist is a well-prepared pharmacist. Dr. Blalock is board certified in pharmacotherapy, mental health, geriatrics and diabetes education. In her spare time, she fosters rescue animals, drives fast cars and writes poetry.

**Erica Bowles, Pharm.D.**  
Pharmacy Supervisor

Erica Bowles, Pharm. D., is a Pharmacy Supervisor at the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center. After graduating from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy in 2004, Dr. Bowles worked in retail, long term care, and mail order pharmacies. She joined the Carl Vinson VA Pharmacy in 2014 as a clinical staff rotating pharmacist. In 2017, she took a position as the Non-VA Care Pharmacist, followed by the Pharmacy Supervisor position in 2018. She serves locally as the Champion for the Rapid Naloxone Availability Initiative Committee and as the Co-Managed Care Lead for VISN 7. She is the preceptor for Health System IPPE students and for the PGY1 Residents' Administrative Learning Experience with a focus on patient safety. Dr. Bowles is a member of the 2015-2016 Dublin-Laurens Leadership Class, a graduate of the 2018 Virtual Aspiring Leadership Program, and a member of 2021 Health Care Leadership Development Program. She is active in the community as a Dublin Service League member and volunteers monthly at The Joy Clinic, a medical clinic for the working poor in Laurens county.



**Brooke Butler, Pharm.D., BCPP, BCGP**  
Psychiatric Pharmacist Specialist



Dr. Butler was first introduced to the VA during pharmacy school while on an APPE ambulatory care rotation. When she graduated from South University School of Pharmacy in 2011, she was afforded the opportunity to be one of the first residents at CVVAMC. After completion of her PGY-1 residency, Dr. Butler accepted a position as a CPS working in PACT. In 2014, she changed specialties to Mental Health, which is her true passion. She became a board-certified psychiatric pharmacist in 2015 and now operates an outpatient mental health clinic. She is also board certified in Geriatrics. Dr. Butler precepts APPE students, PGY-1 residents, and PGY-2 Psychiatric residents. In her spare time, she enjoys live music, photography, art, pub trivia, game nights, volunteering at the humane society, and playing with her 3 Australian Shepherds and Great Pyrenees.

**Kim Clarke, Pharm.D.**  
Antimicrobial Stewardship/Acute Care

Dr. Clarke earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Houston College of Pharmacy in Houston, Texas in 2009. She went on to complete a PGY-1 residency at Navicent Hospital (formerly the Medical Center of Central Georgia) in Macon, GA in 2010. She was later hired on at Navicent as a Clinical Pharmacist. In 2012, she left Navicent and started working at the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center as a Clinical Pharmacist and later transitioned to a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist for the Albany CBOC in 2014. She is now the Acute Care and Antimicrobial Stewardship pharmacist for the Dublin campus. She also serves as a preceptor for APPE students, PGY-1 residents for the Acute Care and Infection Disease rotations, and as a PGY-2 preceptor for academia.



**Paul Hansen, Pharm.D.**  
PACT Specialist



Dr. Hansen is a clinical pharmacy specialist in primary care for the Blue Team. He received his Pharm.D. from The University of Georgia in 2013 and completed his PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency in 2014 at the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center. He is currently a preceptor for APPE students as well as PGY-1 residents for the ambulatory care rotation focusing on diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, and CHF management. Outside of work Dr. Hansen enjoys spending time with his family and friends, weightlifting, building furniture, and gardening.

**Jessica Holleman, Pharm.D.**  
Geriatrics Clinical Pharmacy Specialist

Dr. Holleman earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy in 2018. She then completed both her PGY1 residency and PGY2 Ambulatory Care residency at the Fayetteville, North Carolina, Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Upon completion of her residency training, she joined the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center in July 2020. Her practice interests include academia and chronic disease state management - especially diabetes. Dr. Holleman will be serving as a preceptor in training for geriatrics rotations within the Community Living Center. In her free time, she enjoys hiking and hopes to one day visit every National Park.





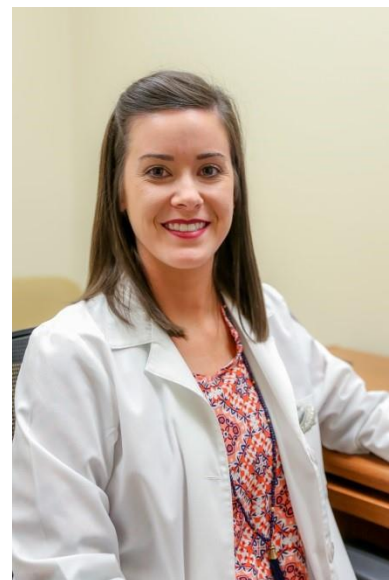


**Nieka Jackson, PharmD, BCPS**  
Pain/Palliative Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist

Dr. Nieka Jackson is the Pain and Palliative Care Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center. She received her PharmD from the Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy in Clinton, South Carolina. After graduation, she completed her PGY-1 pharmacy residency at the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center in 2019, and then went on to complete a PGY-2 pain and palliative care residency at the Lexington VA Healthcare System. She is a Board-Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist. Dr. Jackson precepts PGY-1 residents on the elective pain management rotation, and precepts PGY-2 residents on the required pain management rotation. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, spending time with her family, fishing, exercising, and cooking.

**Spencer Jones, Pharm.D.**  
Geriatrics Clinical Pharmacy Specialist

After graduating from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy in 2014, Dr. Jones completed her PGY-1 residency at the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center. The following year, Dr. Jones was welcomed into the Carl Vinson VA pharmacy family after accepting a position as a PACT Clinical Pharmacy Specialist. In 2020, she now serves as one of the CPS for the community living center (CLC), where she conducts consultant pharmacist responsibilities and is helping implement medication management services within the CLC. She currently serves as co-preceptor for APPE students and PGY-1 residents, and she has recently accepted a role as co-preceptor for PGY-2 Psychiatric residents. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her husband, daughter, and other family and friends; enjoying any kind of outdoor activities; playing piano; relaxing with a good book/music; and travelling.



**Nelson Mainor, Pharm.D.**  
Anticoagulation Director



Dr. Mainor received his Pharm.D. from Florida A&M University and has been at the CVVAMC for 25 years. Dr. Mainor is responsible for initiating the anticoagulation clinic at the Carl Vinson VAMC. He currently serves as the anticoagulation director and precepts PGY-1 residents during their anticoagulation rotations. In addition, he serves as the Co-chairperson for VISN 7 Anticoagulation Subcommittee.

**Ria Mathew, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCACP**  
PACT Telehealth Specialist

Dr. Mathew is a clinical pharmacy specialist in primary care for the Milledgeville CBOC. She received her Pharm.D. from St. Louis College of pharmacy in 2013, and completed her PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice residency in 2014 at the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center. She is currently a preceptor for the anticoagulation rotation and ambulatory care telehealth elective. She incorporates telehealth in her practice. Her hobbies include spending time with friends, traveling and supporting local eateries.



**Alexis Pruitt, Pharm.D., BCPS**  
VISN 7 Academic Detailing Clinical Pharmacy Specialist



Dr. Alexis Pruitt is the VISN 7 Academic Detailing Clinical Pharmacy Specialist for the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center. She has served in this role since 2019 and is charged with providing evidence-based information to providers (ideally in person and one-one) in an effective and impactful way where care is actually delivered. She began her VA Career as an Anticoagulation and PACT Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the Atlanta VA Medical Center from 2008-2019. Dr. Pruitt is a graduate of the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy where she earned her Doctor of Pharmacy Degree in 2007. She completed her PGY1 Ambulatory Care Practice Residency at the Atlanta VA Medical center in 2008 and went on to receive Board Certification in Pharmacotherapy in 2010. She has served as adjunct professor for Mercer University School of Pharmacy and has served as a preceptor for pharmacy students and PGY1 pharmacy residents in a variety of clinical settings since 2008. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her husband and two sons while camping, hunting, mountain biking, and weight lifting/exercising. GOOO DAWGS!

**Chad Potts, Pharm.D., BCGP**  
Home Based Primary Care

Dr. Potts came to CVVAMC after years of experience in long-term care pharmacy and geriatrics, and is accredited as a Board Certified Geriatric Pharmacist (BCGP). Dr. Potts serves as the clinical pharmacy specialist for Home Based Primary Care, where he provides collaborative pharmaceutical care through comprehensive medication reviews. He also serves this population independently through in-home disease state medication management clinics. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with family, running, kayaking, fishing, and reading.





**Ben Selph, Pharm.D., BCGP**  
Geriatrics Clinical Pharmacy Specialist

Dr. Ben Selph completed three years of undergraduate pre-pharmacy coursework at the University of Georgia and graduated pharmacy school from Mercer University in 2012. After pharmacy school, he completed a PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency at the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center. Upon completion of his residency, Dr. Selph accepted his current position as a community living center clinical pharmacy specialist, where he acts as a consultant pharmacist for some of the nursing home wards in the hospital. Dr. Selph serves as co-preceptor for PGY-1 residents on the Geriatrics rotation, and he also helps in precepting APPE students on Geriatrics rotations.

**Marci M. Swanson, Pharm.D., BCACP**  
PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Coordinator & PACT Supervisor

Marci M. Swanson, PharmD, BCACP is the PGY1 Residency Program Coordinator at the Carl Vinson Medical Center. She graduated from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy program in 2014. After pharmacy school, Dr. Swanson completed her PGY-1 pharmacy residency at the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center. She has served as the pain and palliative care pharmacist for the past 5 years. In addition, Dr. Swanson is trained in battlefield acupuncture and provides a unique non-pharmacological treatment option for the Veterans. Dr. Swanson is now the PACT Supervisor for the ambulatory care clinical pharmacy specialists at Carl Vinson VA Medical Center. She serves as the advisor for the major projects for the pharmacy residents as well as a pharmacy mentor. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, friends and pets; traveling, playing board games, and watching the Hallmark Channel or Disney Plus.



**Nathaniel Swanson, Pharm.D.**  
PACT Clinical Pharmacy Specialist

Nathan Swanson, Pharm.D. is a PACT pharmacy specialist in the Green Team at Carl Vinson VA Medical Center. He graduated from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy in 2013. Go DAWGS! He is currently a preceptor for APPE students as well as PGY-1 residents for the ambulatory care rotation focusing on diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, and CHF management. Outside of work Dr. Swanson enjoys spending time with his family and friends, working-out, and watching sports.



**Donnell Williams, Pharm.D., BCPS, BCGP, BC-ADM**  
PACT & Hepatitis C Specialist

Dr. Williams was first introduced to the VA as a pharmacy technician. He went on to pursue his Pharm.D. and graduated in 2011, to become one of the first residents at the CVVAMC. After finishing PGY-1 residency, Dr. Williams completed a PGY-2 residency in Ambulatory Care. In 2013, he accepted a position as a CPS working on PACT Green Team where he currently serves as the hepatology pharmacist managing a Hepatitis C clinic as well as chronic disease state medication management. He is board certified in pharmacology, geriatrics, and ambulatory care, as well as a certified diabetes educator. Dr. Williams precepts PGY1 pharmacy residents on the Hepatology rotation.



**Kristina Woods, Pharm.D.**  
Associate Chief of Pharmacy Operations

Kristina Woods, Pharm.D. is the Associate Chief of Pharmacy Operations. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy from The University of Georgia College of Pharmacy in 2005. Dr. Woods has experience in various settings as a pharmacist including retail, hospital and long-term care. Dr. Woods was hired at CVVAMC in 2013 as a clinical staff pharmacist and was promoted to her current position in May 2015. She serves as a preceptor for PGY1 resident's administrative learning experiences and is responsible for scheduling the resident's staffing requirements.

**Ashley Scott, Pharm.D., BCPS**  
PACT Specialist (Perry CBOC)

Dr. Scott received her Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering from Mercer University School of Engineering in Macon, GA. She then went on to complete her pharmacy education at Texas Southern University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Houston, TX where she received her Doctor of Pharmacy in 2010. Dr. Scott completed her PGY-1 residency at the Medical Center of Central GA (Navient Health) in Macon, GA. She was hired as a CPS at the Carl Vinson VAMC in 2011. Dr. Scott serves as the preceptor for PGY-1 residents assigned to Drug Information and Ambulatory Care rotations. She also precepts APPE and IPPE students from various pharmacy schools in Georgia. She began her VA career working in mental health and now currently serves as the PACT Clinical Pharmacy Specialist onsite at the Perry Outreach Clinic. Dr. Scott also covers the newly opened Robins VA Clinic on Robins Air Force Base. Dr. Scott provides medication management services to veterans diagnosed with chronic disease states and contributes to enhancing the overall care of the veteran by working with a multidisciplinary team. In her spare time, she enjoys time with her husband and four children, attending her kids travel ball games, crafting with friends, teaching bible lessons to the youth at her church, participating in various ministries at her church and traveling to visit extended family.